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Expansion of Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to expand the scope of metro airports with a view to promote air traffic at reasonable rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;

(c) the details of representations/ proposals received from various quarters and from States/UTs for setting up of such metro airports;

(d) the response of the Union Government to such proposals and representations;

(e) the feasibility of revival of Sabeya airport in Bihar and the steps taken/ proposed to be taken to make it operational; and

(f) the time by which it is likely to be done?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) in the newly approved National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016, as available on the portal of the Ministry, have provision for promotion of regional connectivity by way of revival of un-served and under-served airports/airstrips. Revival of such airports is to be "demand driven", depending on firm demand from the airlines operators and where the State Government agrees to provide various concessions envisaged in the Policy. In order to promote air traffic at reasonable rates, as per the provisions of said Policy, MoCA will target an indicative airfare of Rs.2500/- per passenger approximately, indexed to inflation, for a significant part of the capacity of the aircraft for a distance of 500 kms to 600 kms on Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) routes, equivalent to one hour flight.

(e) & (f): The Sabeya airport in Bihar belongs to the State Government of Bihar. Airports Authority of India (AAI) have not received any request either from State Government of Bihar or from any airline operator for operationalization of the airport.